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TAGS: CASC (AMERICAN JOURNALISTS)

SUBJECT: WELFARE AND WHEREABOUTS-JOURNALISTS

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2 RWANDA TASK FORCE HAS RECEIVED REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE
FROM NEW YORK TIMES WASHINGTON, D. C. BUREAU ON BEHALF
OF SIX OR SEVEN AMCIT JOURNALISTS FOR AMERICAN
PUBLICATIONS (NEW YORK TIMES, NEWSWEEK, ASSOCIATED
PRESS, NPR, WASHINGTON POST) THAT ARE STRANDED AT THE
HOTEL MILLES COLLINES IN KIGALI (ONE OF THE INDIVIDUALS
IS IN ROOM 310). THE TELEPHONE NUMBER AT THE HOTEL IS
APPARENTLY WORKING, IT IS 259-76530. THE JOURNALISTS
ARE WITHOUT TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS (OTHER
THAN THE HOTEL TELEPHONE). THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE
ISOLATED AND NEED ASSISTANCE IN LEAVING RWANDA.

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3. THE JOURNALISTS ENTERED RWANDA FROM BURUNDI WITH THE ICRC AND BELIEVED THAT THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO LEAVE WITH THE BELGIAN TROOPS. UNFORTUNATELY, THE BELGIAN TROOPS WERE NOT IN THE AREA OF THE HOTEL.

4. AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS - EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO APPROACH BELGIAN GOVERNMENT WITH REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE. IT IS HOPED THAT THE BELGIAN TROOPS MAY BE ABLE TO ASSIST THESE INDIVIDUALS IN DEPARTING RWANDA.

USUN NEW YORK MISSION - PLEASE CONTACT UNAMIR ON THE GROUND. ANY ASSISTANCE UN MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

5. DEPARTMENT WILL PROVIDE FURTHER DETAILS ON SUBJECT JOURNALISTS AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE.

6. BUJUMBURA - MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. CHRISTOPHER

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